

“§ 160A-462. *Joint agencies.*—(a) Units agreeing to an undertaking may establish a joint agency charged with any or all of the responsibility for the undertaking. The units may confer on the joint agency any power, duty, right, or function needed for the execution of the undertaking, except that legal title to all real property necessary to the undertaking shall be held by the participating units individually, or jointly as tenants in common, in such manner and proportion as they may determine.

(b) The participating units may appropriate funds to the joint agency on the basis of an annual budget recommended by the agency and submitted to the governing board of each unit for approval.

“§ 160A-463. *Personnel.*—(a) The units may agree that any joint agency established under G.S. 160A-462 shall appoint the officers, agents, and employees necessary to execute the undertaking, or that the units jointly shall appoint these personnel, or that one of the units shall appoint the personnel with their services contracted for by the other units or by the joint agency. If the units determine that one unit shall appoint the personnel, the agreement shall provide that the jurisdiction, authority, rights, privileges, and immunities (including coverage under the workmen's compensation laws) which the officers, agents, and employees of the appointing unit enjoy within the territory of that unit shall also be enjoyed by them outside its territory when they are acting pursuant to the agreement and within the scope of their authority or the course of their employment.

(b) When the subject of an undertaking is a sovereign function of government, the exercise of which has been delegated to an officer of each participating unit, the agreement may provide that one officer shall exercise the function for all the participating units, with all of the powers, duties, and obligations that an officer exercising the function in a single unit would have.

“§ 160A-464. *Provisions of the agreement.*—Any contract or agreement establishing an undertaking shall specify:

- (1) the purpose or purposes of the contract or agreement;
- (2) the duration of the agreement;
- (3) if a joint agency is established, its composition, organization, and nature, together with the powers conferred on it;
- (4) the manner of appointing the personnel necessary to the execution of the undertaking;
- (5) the method of financing the undertaking, including the apportionment of costs and revenues;
- (6) the formula for ownership of real property involved in the undertaking, and procedures for the disposition of such property when the contract or agreement expires or is terminated;
- (7) methods for amending the contract or agreement;
- (8) methods for terminating the contract or agreement;
- (9) any other necessary or proper matter.

“§ 160A-465. *Exceptions.*—This Part shall not apply to any undertaking any part of which is subject to approval by a department or agency of the State.

“Part 2. Regional Councils of Governments

“§ 160A-470. *Creation of regional councils.*—Any two or more units of local government may create a regional council of governments by adopting identical concurrent resolutions to that effect in accordance with the provisions and procedures of this Part. To the extent permitted by the laws of its state, a local government in a state adjoining North Carolina may participate in regional councils of governments organized under this Part to the same extent as if it were located in